

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A delivery device comprising:

an outlet portion having a substantially bottomed tubular shape or substantially bowl like shape that has an outlet orifice at ~~[[the]]~~ a bottom thereof;

a valve element made of an elastic material having a substantially ring-shaped valve body portion and a substantially ring-shaped thin-walled portion provided at ~~[[the]]~~ a distal end of the ~~former valve element~~, said valve body portion being fixed in the outlet portion while said thin-walled portion ~~is exposed~~ extends through said outlet orifice of said outlet portion and is exposed to ~~[[the]]~~ an outside of the outlet portion;

a cylindrical valve element support member ~~that is disposed in said outlet portion so as~~ inside of the ring-shaped thin-walled portion of the valve element to delimit close the outlet orifice together with said valve element; and

a vent hole that communicates outside air with ~~[[the]]~~ a flow passage in the outlet portion, which vent hole ~~is provided at a position~~ is located in ~~[[the]]~~ an upstream side of said ~~valve element outlet portion~~, via an air filter, ~~[[with]]~~ the outlet orifice ~~side defined as the~~ defining a downstream side,[[.]]

wherein ~~said valve element causes the~~ ring-shaped thin-walled portion thereof to ~~make of the valve element makes~~ contact with ~~[[the]]~~ an outer periphery of said cylindrical valve element support member ~~so as to close the outlet orifice when there is no liquid pressure applied thereto from the upstream side, while said thin-walled portion~~

and undergoes expansive deformation ~~so as~~ to open the outlet orifice when ~~[[a]]~~
~~liquid pressure~~ liquid pressure is applied thereto from the upstream side, and

the expansive deformation of said thin-walled portion is ~~achieved by~~ of the valve
element occurs with a liquid pressure lower than ~~the liquid passing pressure of a~~
pressure required to pass the liquid through said air filter, and ~~opening of~~ the outlet
orifice cannot be ~~achieved~~ opened by the pressure of outside air passing ~~pressure of~~
through said air filter from outside the delivery device.

12. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to claim 11,
~~wherein said valve element support member has~~ including a flange ~~at a position on the~~
~~on an~~ upstream ~~[[side]]~~ end of the cylindrical valve element support member, wherein
~~portion while the valve body~~ portion of said valve element makes contact with said
flange ~~so as~~ to close the flow passage when there is no liquid pressure applied thereto
from the upstream side, and the valve body portion undergoes compressive deformation
~~so as~~ to open the flow passage between ~~itself~~ the valve body portion and said flange of
the valve element support member when ~~[[a]]~~ liquid pressure is applied thereto from the
upstream side.

13. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to claim 11 ~~or~~
42, wherein said valve element and said outlet portion are integrally formed.

14. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 2 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein antibacterial treatment ~~has been~~ is applied to said
valve element.

15. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein antibacterial treatment ~~has been~~ is applied to said outlet orifice.

16. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein a liquid filter is provided at a position in the upstream side of said ~~outlet orifice~~ valve element or ~~in the~~ upstream of the position where the flow passage is opened and closed by said valve element.

17. (Currently amended) A container having the delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 11, that is fitted at ~~[[the]]~~ a mouth of a container body of the container.

18. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 17, comprising a plug that is held slidably in the flow passage of said delivery device or in said container body, ~~while~~ said plug ~~makes~~ making contact with ~~[[the]]~~ an inner wall of the flow passage of said delivery device ~~so as to~~ close said flow passage before the container is put into use.

19. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 17 ~~or 18~~, that is an eye dropper.